



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 545**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1048

*Senate, April 8, 2009*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARRIS of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The Commissioners of
- 2 Social Services and Administrative Services and the Comptroller, in
- 3 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall develop a
- 4 plan to (1) implement and maintain a prescription drug purchasing
- 5 program and procedures to aggregate or negotiate the purchase of
- 6 pharmaceuticals for pharmaceutical programs benefiting state-
- 7 administered general assistance, HUSKY Plan, Part B, Charter Oak
- 8 Health Plan and ConnPACE recipients, inmates of the Department of
- 9 Correction, and persons eligible for coverage under the group
- 10 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plans procured
- 11 under section 5-259 of the general statutes, and (2) have the state join
- 12 an existing multistate Medicaid pharmaceutical purchasing pool. Such
- 13 plan shall determine the feasibility of subjecting some or all of the
- 14 component programs set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection to

15 the preferred drug lists adopted pursuant to section 17b-274d of the  
16 general statutes.

17 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit the plan  
18 authorized by subsection (a) of this section, including (1) a timetable  
19 for its implementation, (2) anticipated costs or savings resulting from  
20 its implementation and maintenance, (3) a timetable for achievement of  
21 any such savings, and (4) proposed legislative recommendations  
22 necessary to implement such plan to the joint standing committees of  
23 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
24 health, human services and appropriations and the budgets of state  
25 agencies, not later than December 31, 2009, in accordance with the  
26 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2009	New section
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**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$
Various	GF - Cost	Minimal

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill requires the Departments of Social Services, Administrative Services and Public Health, along with the State Comptroller to develop a plan concerning pharmaceuticals purchased by the state. This plan must be submitted to the General Assembly by December 31, 2009. The agencies involved will incur a minimal administrative cost to meet these requirements.

**The Out Years**

None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1048*****AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the commissioners of the departments of social services (DSS) and administrative services (DAS) and the comptroller, in consultation with the Department of Public Health (DPH), to develop a plan concerning the bulk purchasing of pharmaceuticals. Specifically, the plan must implement and maintain a prescription drug purchasing program and procedures to aggregate or negotiate pharmaceutical purchases for HUSKY Part B, State Administered General Assistance, Charter Oak Plan and ConnPACE recipients, Department of Correction inmates; and people eligible for insurance under the state employees and municipal employee health insurance plans.

The plan must also have the state join an existing multistate Medicaid pharmaceutical purchasing pool. It must determine whether it is feasible to subject some or all of the programs listed above to the preferred drug lists adopted by DSS for its various programs.

The bill requires DSS to submit the plan to the Public Health, Human Services, and Appropriations committees by December 31, 2009. The plan must include (1) an implementation timetable, (2) anticipated costs or savings, (3) a timetable for achieving any savings, and (4) legislative recommendations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea     24     Nay   6     (03/20/2009)